

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

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An information processing apparatus is connected to other information processing apparatuses. The information processing apparatus includes transmission means, first reception means, sending means, second reception means, and control means. The transmission means transmits appropriate proxy account settlement information to other information processing apparatuses. The first reception means receives accounting information from other information processing apparatuses, which is related to payment of media contents received directly by the other information processing apparatuses from the control apparatus. The sending means sends the accounting information to the control apparatus. The second reception means receives registration conditions from the control apparatus, which are prepared based on the results of account settlement performed according to the accounting information.

Please delete the word --DESCRIPTION-- on page 1, line 1.

Please replace the section title on page 2, line 1 with the title --Summary--.

Please replace the section title on page 11, line 24 with the title --Detailed Description--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Embodiments ~~An embodiment~~ of the present invention will be described below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

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Figure 13A shows code values of each code set as "User Conditions 10" and "Equipment Conditions 10" of "Usage Conditions 10" in UCP A (Figure 9A). Since "User Conditions 10" of "Usage Conditions 10" indicates 200 points or higher, a service code 80xxh meaning "with conditions for use point", a value code 0000C8h indicating the value 200 at this time and condition code 06h (Figure 12B) meaning ">= (equal or ~~smaller~~ larger)" are set as "User Conditions".

Please replace the section title on page 67, line 6 with the following amended title:

(~~6-46-5~~) Reproduction of content

Please replace the section title on page 70, line 22 with the following amended title:

(~~6-56-6~~) Account settlement

Please replace the section title on page 73, line 3 with the following amended title:

(~~6-66-7~~) Account settlement by proxy

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 79, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

AB In Step S323 of Figure 43 and Step S363 of Figure 49 described above, the registration list was checked for falsification by checking the signature stored in "Signature to Registration List." However, ~~CB~~CBC (Cipher Block Chaining) mode can also be used. It check data for falsification by dividing input data into 64-bit block, inputting them one by one into a block cipher machine with fast processing time, encrypting them with a predetermined check key to generate a first output, and then running an XOR operation on the first output and a delayed second output.
